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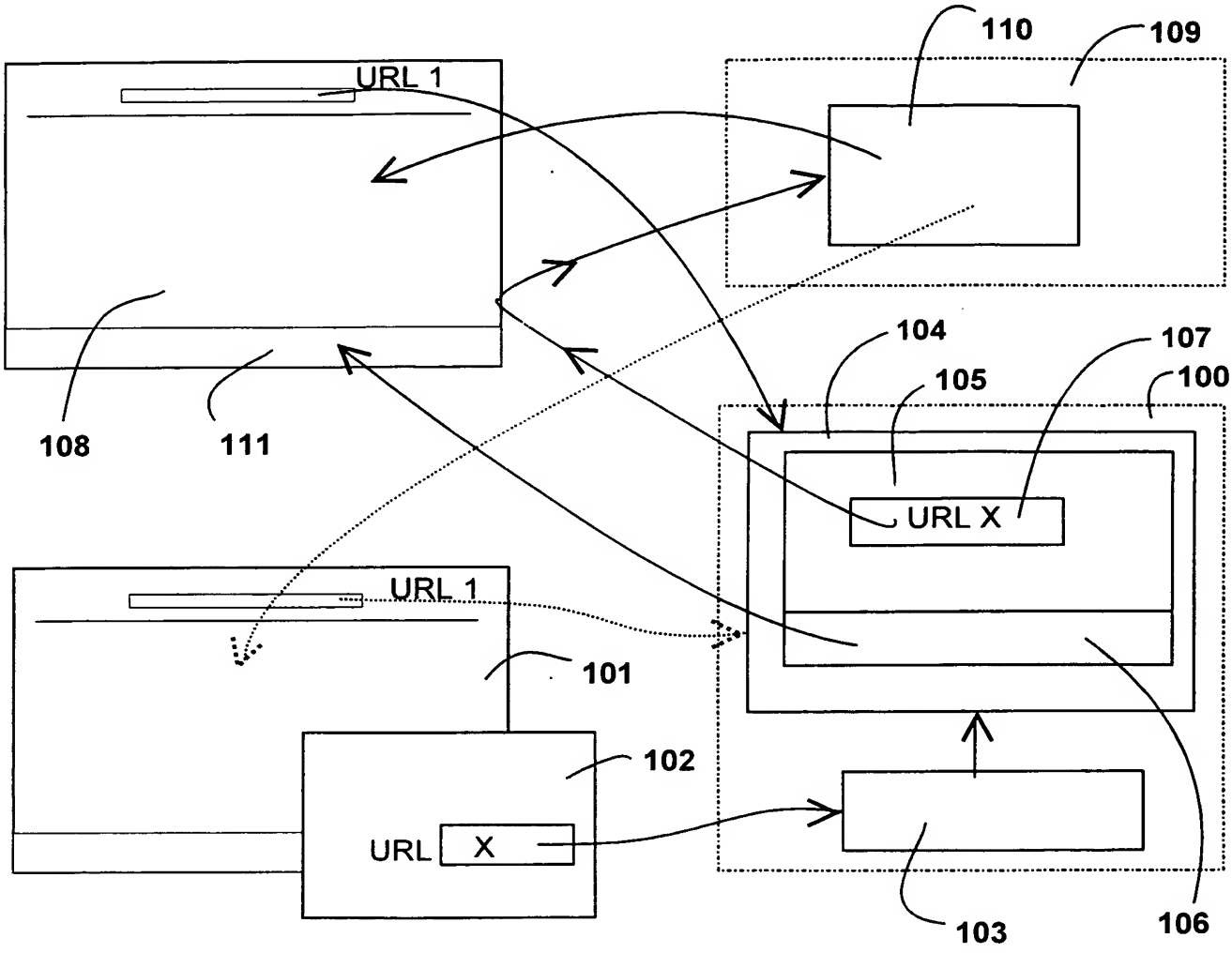
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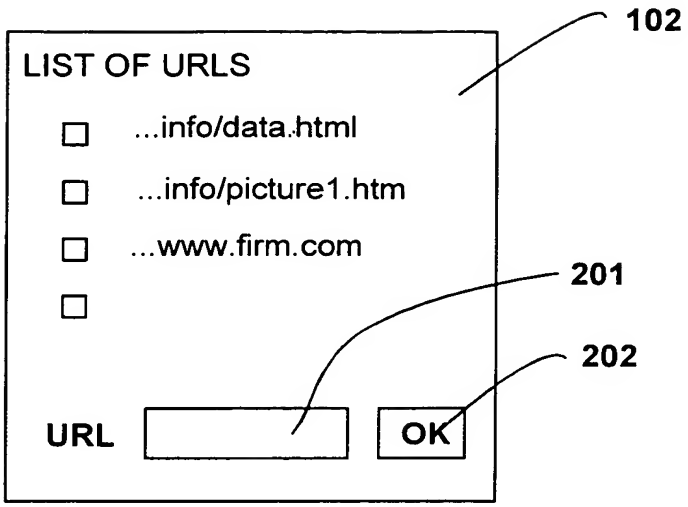
Fig. 1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OK
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Fig. 2

Menetelmä www-selaimen kauko-ohjaamiseksi

Keksinnön kohteena on menetelmä, jolla voidaan vaihtaa tietyllä yhdellä tai useammalla www-selaimella näkyvää sivua ohjaajan oman selaimen ikkunan kautta.

Sekä visuaalinen tiedonvälitys että puhekontakti voidaan nykyisellä tekniikalla toteuttaa yhtäaikaisesti internet-verkon kautta. Tämä edellyttää kuitenkin osapuolet hankkimaan järjestelmiinsä äänentoistotekniikkaa ja erikoisohjelmistoja tunnettujen www-selainten, kuten Microsoft Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, lisäksi. Jo nykyisellä ja tavanomaisella internet-tekniikan tasolla kommunikointia puhelimella voidaan hyvin täydentää www-sivujen esittelemisellä, tyypillisesti kuvallisen informaation välittämiseksi ja siirtämiseksi. Kuvallisen internet-tiedon siirto perustuu kuitenkin selaimen aktiiviseen käyttöön niin, että hakija antaa selaimelleen osoitteita, joista tieto haetaan. Tällöin informaatiota esittelevän on puhelimessa ohjattava kumppaniaan tai asiakastaan valitsemaan aina tarvittava www-sivu tämän selaimelle annettavalla URL-osoitteella. Osoitteet ovat tyypillisesti hyvin pitkiä ja tällöin haitaksi muodostuu puhelimella annetun ohjeen epätarkkuus ja virhemahdollisuus erikoismerkkien osalta ja varsinkin jos pieniä ja isoja kirjaimia esiintyy merkkijonossa vaihtelevasti. Erityisesti tilanteessa, missä puhelinneuvottelua halutaan täydentää www-sivujen esittelyllä, joutuu puhelimella kuvia selostava ohjaamaan jokaista kuuntelijaa selaimen käytössä, mikä häiritsee varsinaista sisällön esittelyä, ja siksi tämä menettely ei ole käytännöllinen. Haitta korostuu erityisesti suuressa yleisötilaisuudessa, missä käytetään videotykkiä www-sivujen esittämiseen ja esittelijä pitää esitelmänsä puhelimen välityksellä. Myös sähköisessä kaupankäynnissä on tilanteita, joissa on tarve olla suorassa kontaktissa asiakkaaseen, jolloin puhelin on luonnollinen yhteydenottotapa. Tällöin esimerkiksi tuote-esittely voidaan käydä esittelemällä vain niitä www-sivuja, joissa on kiinnostavaa tietoa, mutta tämä vaatii jatkuvaa kuuntelijan ohjausta sivujen valitsemisessa.

Mainitut tapaukset ovat synnyttäneet tarpeen sellaisen menetelmän kehittämiseksi, joissa puhelimella erilaisia asioita esittelevä voi ohjata kuuntelijan www-selainta, tämän tarvitsematta kajota selaimeensa esittelyn aikana.

Tunnetut lähinnä vastaavanlaiseen tarkoitukseen tarkoitetut menetelmät vaativat eri osapuolten internet-valmiuksien täydentämistä lisäohjelmistolla ja -varusteilla ja niiden asentamista jokaisen kuuntelijan tietokoneelle.

Keksinnön tarkoituksena on välttää haitta, mikä aiheutuu lisäohjelmistojen ja -varusteiden puuttumisesta, niiden aiheuttamista kustannuksista tai puhelinlinjalla annettujen

ohjeiden tuottamasta häiriöstä esiteltävän aiheen informaatiosisällölle ja virhemahdollisuudesta selaimilla katselevien URL-osoitteiden kirjoittamisessa. Keksinnön mukaisessa menetelmässä erityinen etu on siinä, että kuuntelevat osapuolet voivat jo tavanomaisilla internet-liitynnöillä ja tavallisella puhelinyhteydellä, jo olemassa olevalla tavanomaisella internet- ja puhelintekniikalla, nauttia menetelmän tuottamasta hyödystä.

Mainittujen haittojen poistamiseksi ja etujen aikaansaamiseksi keksinnön mukaiselle menetelmälle on tunnusomaista se, että menetelmän käyttäjä, ohjaaja, omalla selaimellaan määrittelee kuulijoidensa selaimelle tulevan tietyn www-sivun ikkunaan näytettäväksi tarkoitetun sivun linkin, joka puolestaan määrittelee sen, mitä kuulijan selaimen ikkunassa esitetään.

Keksinnön mukaista menetelmää selostetaan seuraavassa esimerkin avulla viittaamalla oheisiin piirustuksiin, joissa

Fig. 1 esittää internet-selaimen kauko-ohjausmenetelmän toiminnallisia osia ja niiden välisiä yhteyksiä.

Fig. 2 esittää ohjausikkunaa, johon voidaan tuoda ennalta muistiin tallennettuja URL-osoitteita

Menetelmän käyttäjä, ohjaaja, pyytää asiakastaan tai keskustelukumppaniaan, jota kutsutaan jatkossa kuuntelijaksi, valitsemaan selaimellaan palvelimella (100) sijaitsevan osoitteen URL 1, jota hän myös seuraa omalla selaimellaan (101). Ohjaaja antaa omalta selaimen ohjausikkunalta (102) osoitteen URL X, joka vastaanotetaan palvelimella (100), olevan CGI-ohjelman (103) käsiteltäväksi. Monella eri tavalla, yleisesti tunnettua ohjelmointitekniikkaa käyttäen, voidaan luoda kokonaan tai osittain dynaamisia internet-sivuja selaimille. Esimerkkitapauksessa ohjelma (103) luo sivun (104), jonka osoite on URL 1, ja sille tiedoston (105) ja haluttaessa informaatiokehyksen (106). Tiedostossa (105) on kehys (107), joka muodostaa ikkunan esitettävälle www-sivulle, joka löytyy osoitteesta URL X. Kuuntelijan selain (108) sekä ohjaajan selain (101) saatuaan www-sivun osoitteesta URL 1 hakee kehykseen (107) tiedoston (105) antamasta osoitteesta URL X, palvelimelta (109), www-sivun (110) ja näyttää sen kehyksessä (107). Sivu (104) huolehtii siitä, että kun osoite URL X vaihtuu uudeksi, niin selaimet (101) ja (108) päivittävät sivun vastaavasti. Päivitykseen voidaan käyttää selainten tuntemaa "RELOAD" tai "REFRESH" -komentoa. Sivu (104) voidaan varustaa myös sellaisella jatkuvasti palvelimella (100) olevaa parametria tarkkailevalla toiminnolla, ja sellaisella ohjelmalla (103), että kun tämä muuttaa osoitetta URL X, niin se muuttaa myös

tarkkailtavaa parametria, jonka huomattuaan sivun toiminto vasta käynnistää sivun (104) päivityksen. Yhden toteutustavan mukaisesti tiedoston ja sen sisältämän parametrin tarkkailuun selaimella voidaan käyttää JavaScript-ohjelmistokielen "FileUpload"-elementtiä tai vastaavaa toimintoa. Tällöin on huolehdittava siitä, että selain päivittää tietonsa palvelimelta eikä paikalliselta kovalevyltä (cache-muistista). Tämä voidaan toteuttaa esimerkiksi välittämällä selaimelle, usealla vaihtoehtoisella tavalla, pyyntö päivittämään muuttuvan parametrin sisältävä tiedosto palvelimelta html-sivun "META"-kentässä.

Kuvassa Fig. 2 on esitetty, millaiseksi ohjaajan ohjausikkuna (102) voidaan täydentää, jolloin siihen voidaan tuoda ennalta muistiin tallennettuja URL-osoitteita. Ikkuna toimii esimerkiksi niin, että valittu osoite siirtyy ikkunan (102) syöttökenttään (201), josta se siirtyy hyväksyntäkomennolla, painiketta (202) painamalla pavelimelle (100) (Fig. 1). Vastaavalla tavalla voidaan myös luoda ohjausikkuna ja käyttää ennalta laadittua kuuntelijalistaa niistä, joille sallitaan pääsy www-sivulle (104).

Menetelmän toteuttamiseen kuvatulla tavalla tarvittavat internet-sivut, html-dokumentit, ja palvelimella toimivat ohjelmistot, ovat yleistä ja tunnettua ohjelmointitekniikkaa, joten menetelmän ja siihen tarvittavan ohjelmoinnin pystyy ammattinsa osaava henkilö tässä esitetyn kuvauksen perusteella toteuttamaan monella eri vaihtoehtoisella tavalla ja eri ohjelmointikielellä, tulkattavalla tai käännettävällä, ja/tai niiden yhdistelmällä. Esimerkkinä mainittakoon ohjelmistokielistä ActiveX, C, C++, Java, JavaScript, JScript, Perl, VBScript, mitkä eivät suinkaan rajoita toteuttamasta menetelmää vielä jollakin muulla standardoituun tiedonsiirtorajapintaan mukautuvalla kielellä.. Ohjeita menetelmän yksityiskohtaiseksi toteuttamiseksi saa runsaasti muun muassa mainittujen ohjelmistokielien kehittäjien www-sivuilta sekä CGI-rajapinnan kehittäjän NCSA:n palvelimelta.

Keksinnön mukaisen menetelmän sovellutusmuodot voidaan luonnollisesti toteuttaa alan ammatti-ihmisen toimesta myös muullakin kuin edellä kuvatulla tavalla seuraavassa esitettyjen patenttivaatimusten puitteissa.

Patenttivaatimukset

1. Menetelmä www-selaimen kauko-ohjaamiseksi, missä ohjaaja omalla selaimellaan (102) määrittelee internetin kautta palvelimella (100), jolle hänellä on käyttöoikeus, sijaitsevalle menetelmään kuuluvalle ohjelmalle (103), joka ohjaa ohjelmakoodia sisältäviä tiedostoja, joita yhdistää yhden tai useamman kuuntelijan sivu (104), kuuntelijansa internet-selaimelle tarkoitetun html-dokumentin, jolle kuuntelijalle on pääsy selaimensa (108) ja käyttäjällä selaimensa (101) kautta, ilmoittaa sen kuuntelijan valittavaksi, valitsee edelleen selaimellaan sivun (104) ikkunassa (107) näytettäväksi tarkoitetun vapaasti valitun minkä tahansa www-sivun (110) osoitteen, joka välitetään palvelimelle, joka välittää sen ohjelmalle (103), joka puolestaan upottaa sivun (110) osoitteen kuuntelijan sivulle (104) t u n n e t t u siitä, että kuuntelijan sivu (104), kun kuuntelijan selain (108) näyttää sen, ohjaa tätä selainta jatkuvasti tarkistamaan käyttäjän palvelimelta mahdolliset muutokset sivuun (104), ja jos niitä havaitaan, päivittää vastaavasti kuuntelijan selaimen kopion sivusta (104) vastaamaan palvelimella sijaitsevaa tiedostoa.

2. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 mukainen menetelmä, t u n n e t t u siitä, että menetelmässä ehdollistetaan kuuntelijan sivun (104) päivittäminen tarkkailemalla kuuntelijan selaimella muutosta palvelimella olevassa parametrissa, jota ohjelma (103) muuttaa aina kun uusi www-osoite on valittu, jonka jälkeen vasta päivitetään kuuntelijan selaimen kopio sivusta (104).

3. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 mukainen menetelmä, t u n n e t t u siitä, että menetelmän käyttäjä voi poimia ennalta laaditusta selaimellaan näkyvästä osoitelistasta kulloinkin kuuntelijan näyttöikkunassa (107) näytettävän internet-sivun (110) osoitteen.

4. Patenttivaatimusten 1, 2, ja 3 mukainen menetelmä, t u n n e t t u siitä, että menetelmän käyttäjä voi ennalta laaditusta selaimellaan näkyvästä listasta poimia kuuntelijat, joille sallitaan pääsy sivulle (104).

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(57) Tiivistelmä

Keksinnön kohteena on menetelmä, jolla voidaan vaihtaa etäällä, esimerkiksi puhelinyhteyden päässä, olevan yhden tai useamman kuulijan www-selaimella näkyvää sivua ohjaajan oman selaimen ikkunan kautta. Keksinnön mukaan ohjaaja opastaa aluksi kuulijansa valitsemaan tietyn, käytössään olevalle palvelimelle luodun, www-sivun, jota ohjaavalle ohjelmalle hän antaa uusia URL-osoitteita, jotka ohjelma puolestaan upottaa kuulijan selaimen sivulle. Tästä seuraa se, että kuulijan selain saa esitettäväkseen ohjaajan valitsemaa URL-osoitetta vastaavan sivun. Tämä toteutetaan niin, että kuulijan selain päivittää tietonsa aina palvelimelta, jolloin sivu uudistuu ohjaajan valintojen mukaisesti.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

Date of mailing *(day/month/year)*	12-07-2001
Applicant's or agent's file reference	**REPLY DUE** within 60 days from the above date of mailing

International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/FI00/00606	03.07.2000	07.07.1999

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC7
H04L 12/18, H04M 11/06

Applicant
CURIOSITAS LTD Ky et al

1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
   - VI ☒ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application
3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.
   - **When?** See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).
   - **How?** By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.
   - **Also** For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4*bis*. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

   If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 07.11.2001

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Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Telex 17978 PATOREG-S Facsimile No. 08-667 72 88	Kristoffer Ogebjer/EE Telephone No. 08-782 25 00

Form PCT/IPEA/408 (cover sheet) (January 1998)

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:
pages 1-3 , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims:
pages _____ , as originally filed
pages _____ , as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages 4, 5 , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☒ the drawings:
pages 1, 2 , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____ , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the written opinion was drawn on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☒ This opinion has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).

* *Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*

WRITTEN OPINION

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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The amended claims 5-8 are considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed.

Claims 5 and 6: it is not stated in the filed disclosure that several controllers are sharing the actions of the server. Neither is this disclosed in fig. 1.

Claim 7: stating that thousands of browsers are monitoring the change is considered to go beyond the filed disclosure even though browsers are mentioned in plural in the original disclosure.

Claim 8: it is not stated in the filed disclosure that the controller instructs the listeners via a broadcasting media

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Cited documents:

D1: WO, A1, 9813995
D2: EP, A2, 0847178
D3: WO, A1, 9836456
D4: WO, A1, 9737484

D1 relates to a system that updates a meeting-place window of each user sharing a URL. The system receives an update request and, if the content has changed, sends the new content to the listener.

The inventive idea of the invention, according to claim 1, differs in the matter of the browser that checks for possible changes. In D1 the user request an update if a change has occurred, by this use of pulling updated information the invention, according to claim 1, is considered to lack an inventive step from what is known through D1.

To pick an address from a list, according to claims 3 and 4, is considered obvious to a person skilled in the art. Hence, the invention, according to claims 3 and 4, is considered to lack an inventive step.

D2 discloses a system where conferees may make editing changes to a currently viewed page and have the changes communicated to the other conferees via a conference server. Only the changes may be transmitted or the whole page including the changes may be transmitted from the conference server.

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V

D3 relates to a system that updates HTML-pages to a customer and an agent from a server.

D4 relates to system where each client's WEB browser requests and displays an image of a selected presentation. The image gets updated through pushing an updated image to the client from the server.

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International application No.
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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date *(day/month/year)*	Filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date (valid claim) *(day/month/year)*
WO 0045240 A2	03.08.2000	27.01.2000	29.01.1999

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure *(day/month/year)*	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure *(day/month/year)*

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Rule 71.1)

Date of mailing *(day/month/year)*	19-10-2001
Applicant's or agent's file reference	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/FI00/00606	03-07-2000	07-07-1999

Applicant
CURIOSITAS LTD Ky
et al

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.

2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.

3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in som Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary axamination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/FI00/00606	International filing date *(day month year)* 03.07.2000	Priority date *(day month year)* 07.07.1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L 12/18, H04M 11/06		
Applicant CURIOSITAS LTD Ky et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

   These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
   - VI ☒ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand	Date of completion of this report
29.01.2001	17.10.2001
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

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☒ the description:
pages 1-3 , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims:
pages _____ , as originally filed
pages _____ , as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages 4 , filed with the letter of 28.08.2001

☒ the drawings:
pages 1-2 , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____ , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* *Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).*

** *Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.*

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents:

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D2: EP, A2, 0847178
D3: WO, A1, 9836456
D4: WO, A1, 9737484

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D3 relates to a system that updates HTML-pages to a customer and an agent from a server.

D4 relates to system where each client's WEB browser requests and displays an image of a selected presentation. The image gets updated through pushing an updated image to the client from the server.

The invention defined in claims 1-4 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

None of the cited documents gives any indication towards the claimed method of changing a web page being displayed centrally. No relevant combination of the cited documents would lead a person skilled in the art to the invention defined in the claims.

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Box V.

Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1-4 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. It is also considered to be industrially applicable.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date *(day month year)*	Filing date *(day month year)*	Priority date (valid claim) *(day month year)*
WO 0045240 A2	03.08.2000	27.01.2000	29.01.1999

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure *(day month year)*	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure *(day month year)*

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International Application
JC13 Rec'd PCT/PTO 04 JAN 2002
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28 -08- 2001

Claims

1. A method for remote directing a www-browser, in which the controller starting a session, using his/her own www-browser (102), specifies via Internet an HTML-document for the browser of one or more listeners, being accessible to them trough their browsers (108), and to said controller trough his or her browser (101), to a program, which is a part of the method and is located in a server (100) accessible to said controller; said program controlling code containing files embedded onto the page (104); said controller instructing the listeners via any simultaneously used media to choose said HTML-document, further specifying by means of his browser the address of the www-page (110) intended to be displayed in the window (107) of the page (104); and said address being further delivered to the server and to said program, which embeds said address of the page (110) onto the listeners' page (104) **characterized** in that the listeners' page (104), upon being displayed by listeners' browsers (108) and controller's browser (101), makes said browsers continuously check for possible changes in said documents in the controller's server (100), and finding the changes, refreshes the copy of the page (104) of said listeners' browsers to match said files at the server, the refreshing of the listeners' page (104) being conditioned by monitoring change in a parameter residing in the said server, changed by the program (103) upon a different www-address having been chosen, after which the copy of the page (104) in the listeners' www-browsers (108) and controller's www-browser (101) is refreshed.

2. A method as claimed in Claim 1 **characterized** in that the controller picks the address of the www-document displayed on the listeners' www-browsers (108) from a previously created list of www-addresses.

3. A method as claimed in Claim 1, and 2 **characterized** in that the controller chooses the listeners allowed to access to the page (104) from a previously created list displayed on his/her www-browser.

4. A method as claimed in Claims 1 and 2 **characterized** in that by browsers (101) and (108), several listeners and at least one controller by his/her browser (102) are sharing the actions of said server(100) and said program (103) during the session.

Claims

1. A method for remote directing a www-browser, in which the controller starting a session, using his/her own www-browser (102), specifies via Internet an HTML-document for the browser of one or more listeners, being accessible to them trough their browsers (108), and to said controller trough his or her browser (101), to a program, which is a part of the method and is located in a server (100) accessible to said controller; said program controlling code containing files embedded onto the page (104); said controller instructing the listeners via any simultaneously used media to choose said HTML-document, further specifying by means of his browser the address of the www-page (110) intended to be displayed in the window (107) of the page (104); and said address being further delivered to the server and to said program, which embeds said address of the page (110) onto the listener's page (104) **characterized** in that the listeners' page (104), upon being displayed by listeners' browsers (108), makes said browsers continuously check for possible changes in said documents in the controller's server (100), and finding the changes, refreshes the copy of the page (104) of said listener's browser to match said files at the server.

2. A method as claimed in Claim 1 **characterized** in that the refreshing of the client's page (104) is conditioned by monitoring change in a parameter residing in the said server, changed by the program (103) upon a different www-address having been chosen, after which the copy of the page (104) of the client's www-browser (102) is refreshed.

3. A method as claimed in Claim 1 and 2 **characterized** in that the controller picks the address of the www-document displayed on the clients' www-browsers (108) from a previously created list of www-addresses

4. A method as claimed in Claim 1, 2, and 3 **characterized** in that the controller chooses the client allowed to access to the page (104) from a previously created list displayed on his/her www-browser.

5. A method as claimed in Claims 1 2, and 3 **characterized** in that by browsers (102) and (101), several controllers are sharing the actions of said server and said program during the session.

6. A method as claimed in Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 **characterized** in that the combination of said listeners and said controllers varies by sessions.

7. A method as claimed in Claims 1 and 2, **characterized** in that the page (104) is displayed and said change is monitored by, say, thousands of listeners' browsers within a

session.

8. A method as claimed in Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, **characterized** in that said controller instructs the listeners via a broadcasting media.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND

Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Applicant's or agent's file reference:

International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	(Earliest) Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/FI00/00606	3.7.2000	7.7.1999

Title of invention: Method for remote directing of www-browser

Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

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☐ Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is ☐ agent ☐ common representative

and ☐ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

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☐ **Address for correspondence:** Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special addr ess to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

☐ the international application as originally filed

the description
- ☒ as originally filed
- ☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims
- ☐ as originally filed
- ☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
- ☒ as amended under Article 34

the drawings
- ☒ as originally filed
- ☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: english

- ☐ which is the language in which the international application was filed.
- ☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
- ☒ which is the language of publication of the international application.
- ☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Sheet No. 3

International application No.
PCT/FI00/00606

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:				For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only: received	not received
1. translation of international application	:		sheets	☐	☐
2. amendments under Article 34	:	2	sheets	☐	☐
3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:		sheets	☐	☐
4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:		sheets	☐	☐
5. letter Applicant's opinion	:	2	sheets	☐	☐
6. other *(specify)*	:		sheets	☐	☐

The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. [X] fee calculation sheet
2. [ ] separate signed power of attorney
3. [ ] copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
4. [ ] statement explaining lack of signature
5. [ ] nucleotide and or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
6. [ ] other *(specify)*:

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

Tampere, 25.1.2001

Antero Hälikkä

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):
3. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply. ☐ The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.
5. ☐ Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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Demand received from IPEA on:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
   - VI ☒ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:
pages 1-3 , as originally filed
pages _____ , filed with the demand
pages _____ , filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims:
pages _____ , as originally filed
pages _____ , as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
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☒ the drawings:
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☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____ , as originally filed
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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* *Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).*

** *Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.*

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents:

D1: WO, A1, 9813995
D2: EP, A2, 0847178
D3: WO, A1, 9836456
D4: WO, A1, 9737484

D1 relates to a system that updates a meeting-place window of each user sharing a URL. The system receives an update request and, if the content has changed, sends the new content to the listener.

D2 discloses a system where conferees may make editing changes to a currently viewed page and have the changes communicated to the other conferees via a conference server. Only the changes may be transmitted or the whole page including the changes may be transmitted from the conference server.

D3 relates to a system that updates HTML-pages to a customer and an agent from a server.

D4 relates to system where each client's WEB browser requests and displays an image of a selected presentation. The image gets updated through pushing an updated image to the client from the server.

The invention defined in claims 1-4 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

None of the cited documents gives any indication towards the claimed method of changing a web page being displayed centrally. No relevant combination of the cited documents would lead a person skilled in the art to the invention defined in the claims.

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Supplemental Box
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Continuation of: Box V.

Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1-4 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. It is also considered to be industrially applicable.

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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WO 0045240 A2	03.08.2000	27.01.2000	29.01.1999

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure *(day month year)*	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure *(day month year)*

Claims

1. A method for remote directing a www-browser. in which the controller. using his own www-browser (102), specifies via Internet an HTML-document for the browser of one or more listeners. being accessible to them trough their browsers (108), and to said controller trough his or her browser (101). to a program. which is a part of the method and is located in a server (100) accessible to said controller: said program controlling code containing files embedded onto the page (104); said controller instructing the listeners to choose said HTML-document. further specifying by means of his browser the address of the www-page (110) intended to be displayed in the window (107) of the page (104); and said address being further delivered to the server and to said program. which embeds said address of the page (110) onto the listener's page (104) wherein:
the listeners' page (104), upon being displayed by listeners' browsers (108), makes said browsers continuously check for possible changes in said documents in said controller's server. and finding the changes. refreshes the copy of the page (104) of said listener's browser to match said files at the server.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the refreshing of the client's page (104) is conditioned by monitoring change in a parameter residing in the said server. changed by the program (103) upon a different www-address having been chosen. after which the copy of the page of the client's www-browser is refreshed.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1. wherein the controller can pick the address of the www-document displayed on the clients' www-browsers from a previously created list of www-addresses

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, 2, and 3 wherein the controller can choose the client allowed to access to the page (104) from a previously created list displayed on his or her www-browser.

Replaced by Article 34

Method for remote directing of www-browser

The content of the invention is a method by which the www-document displayed on one or more www-browsers can be changed by the controller through a window of his or her www-browser.

Simultaneous visual communication and phone contact is possible with current Internet technology. However, this requires that all parties have the necessary audio hardware as well as special software extensions to known www-browsers, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator. With current technology it is possible to augment phone communication with presenting www-documents, usually to provide visual information. The transmission of visual information is based on active use of the www-browser, in that the controller gives www-addresses to the listener, who then proceeds to direct his www-browser to the given www-address. The www-addresses are usually fairly long, and thus the imprecision of instructions given on phone is a disadvantage, especially due to the presence of special control characters and case sensitivity in the www-addresses (URLs). Especially in a situation in which it is desired that a phone negotiation be augmented with presentation of www-pages, the maintainer of the negotiation has to specifically instruct each party in using their respective www-browsers, making it hard for them to appreciate the contents of the presented www-documents. This makes the arrangement impractical: the disadvantage manifests itself especially when the intended audience is large, with a video projector or similar piece of equipment used to display the www-pages. Also in e-commerce there are situations in which a direct contact to the customer is required, making the phone a natural choice for communication. In such situations, say, product presentations can only be done by means of www-documents with the relevant information - this however requires constant instruction from the maintainer for the client in directing his www-browser to the desired documents.

The aforementioned situations have created a need for creating a method by which the www-browser of a listener can be controlled by the presenter without the need for the active participation of the client.

Known methods for similar purposes require all parties to obtain special software and equipment and install them onto their computers prior to the presentation.

The intent of the invention is to avoid the disadvantage caused by the special purpose additional software and equipment, namely their cost, the additional time required to

instruct clients in installing and maintaining the special purpose components and the possibility of errors in writing and communicating URLs. The invention possesses the specific advantage of all parties being able to use the method with ordinary Internet-connections and ordinary phone line utilizing pre-existing Internet and telecommunications technology.

Characteristic to the method based on the invention is that in order to avoid the aforementioned disadvantages and bring forth the aforementioned advantages, the user of the method, controller, defines by means of her or his www-browser the specific www-document which is displayed in a window of the clients' www-browsers.

Method based on the invention is illustrated and explicated by means of the following diagrams, in which

Fig. 1 presents the functional portions and interrelations thereof of the remote controlling of www-browser.

Fig. 2 presents the control window, into which previously saved URLs can be brought.

The user of the method, controller, asks his clients or conversant, henceforth listener, to direct his or her www-browser to a www-document specified by an URL pointing to a document in a server (100). The controller monitors this www-document in his own www-browser (101). The controller gives in the controller window in his or her www-browser (102) an address URL X, which is received in the server (100), and directed to a CGI-program (103) for processing. In various well known ways, it is possible to create partially or entirely dynamic www-documents. In the example the CGI-program (103) creates a www-document (104) containing the URL 1, and for it a file (105), and optionally an information frame (106). In the file (105) there is a frame (107) which forms a window for the www-document to be presented , found at URL X. Both the client's www-browser (108) and the controllers www-browser (101) upon receiving the www-document from URL 1, retrieve in the frame (107) a www-document at server (109) pointed to by the URL X the file (105). The document (104) ensures that when the URL X is changed, www-browsers (101) and (108) refresh the document respectively. This can be achieved by means of the command "RELOAD" or "REFRESH" supported by www-browsers. The document (104) can also implement a mechanism, which continously monitors a parameter at the server (100), and a program (103) which when URL X is changed sets the parameter, which is noticed by the mechanism, which then proceeds to refresh the document (104). A possible implementation uses the JavaScript-language element "FileUpload" or an equivalent thereof, with the parameter

residing within a file in server (100). In the implementation, sepcial care is needed to ensure that the www-browsers retrieve the actual changed documents instead of relying on their local on-disk cache. This can be done in several ways. which include using the "META"-field of html-documents to request the www-browser to update the changing parameter.

Fig. 2. illustrates one possibility of extending the control window (102), allowing previously saved URLs be brought into it. For example, the window could function in such a fashion that the URL chosen is transferred to the input field (201) of the window (102), from which it is transferred to the server (100) (Fig 1.) by pressing the acknowledgement button (202). In similar fashion it is possible to create a control window which uses a previously created list of listeners allowed to access the www-document (104).

The www-documents and server-side programs required to implement the method as described above are well-known technology, and thus a competent person can create a working implementation based on the description above in an alternative ways in different programming languages, both interpreted and compiled, including combinations of both. These languages include, but are not restricted to, ActiveX, C, C++, Java, JavaScrpt, JScript, Perl, VBScript. Instructions on implementing the details of the method are plentiful and can be found among other places at the www-sites of the developers of the respective languages, and the NCSA-server of the developers of the CGI-interface.

Naturally, a competent professional in the industry can implement the method based on the invention in ways not subsumed under the above description within the restrictions set by the following claims.

Claims

1. A method for remote directing a www-browser, in which the controller, using his own www-browser (102), specifies via Internet an HTML-document for the browser of one or more listeners, being accessible to them trough their browsers (108), and to said controller trough his or her browser (101), to a program, which is a part of the method and is located in a server (100) accessible to said controller; said program controlling code containing files embedded onto the page (104); said controller instructing the listeners to choose said HTML-document, further specifying by means of his browser the address of the www-page (110) intended to be displayed in the window (107) of the page (104); and said address being further delivered to the server and to said program, which embeds said address of the page (110) onto the listener's page (104) wherein:
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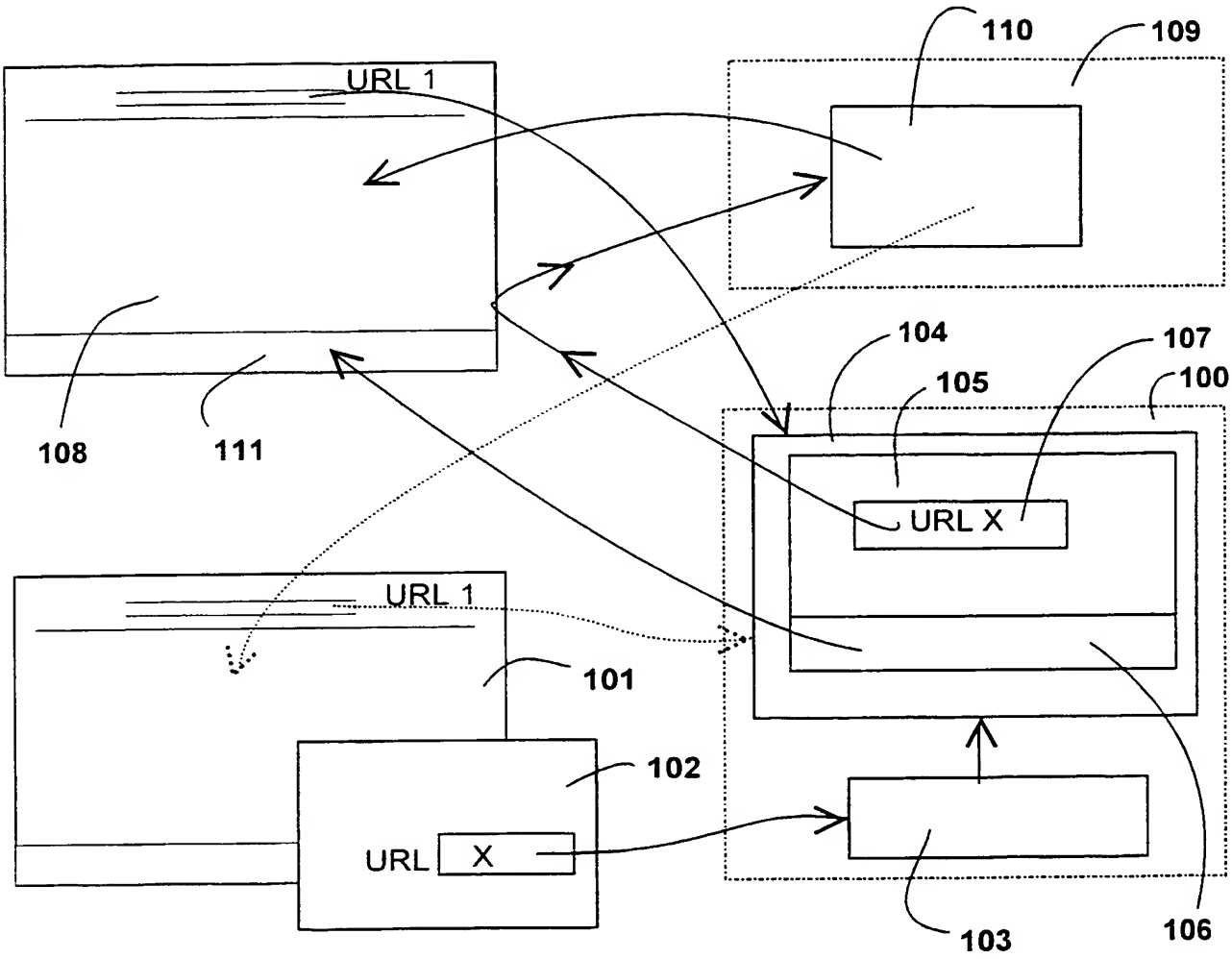
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Fig. 1

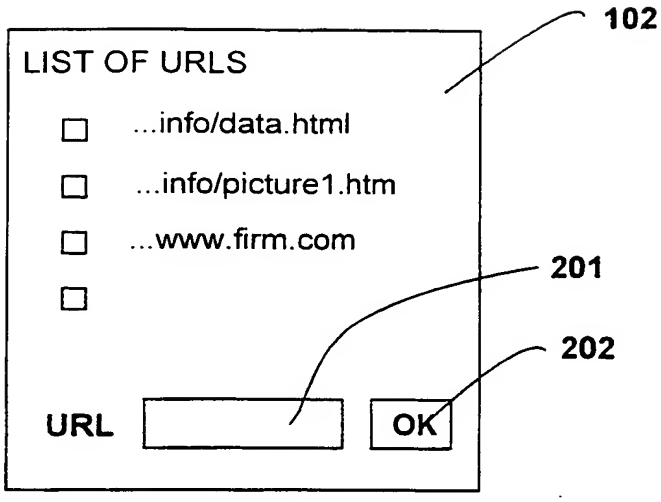
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Fig. 2

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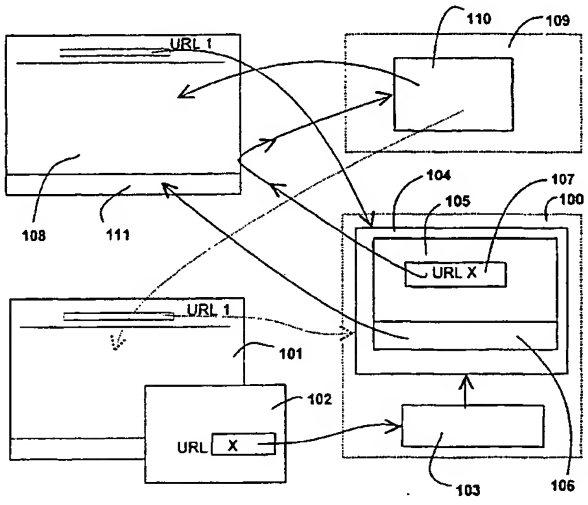

(57) Abstract: The content of the invention is a method, by which it is possible to remotely, for example within phone-contact range, change the www-document (104) displayed on the www-browsers (108) of one or more clients, with a controller window (102) on the controller's own www-browser (101). According to the invention, the controller instructs the clients to choose a particular www-document (104) residing in a server (100) used by the controller; said document being maintained by a server-side program (103) which can be commanded by the controller to embed URLs in the said www-document. As a result of the actions of the program, the clients' www-browsers display the document (110) specified by the URL given by the controller. This is achieved by having the clients' www-browsers update its state from the server, causing the displayed page to be refreshed, according to the controller's choice.

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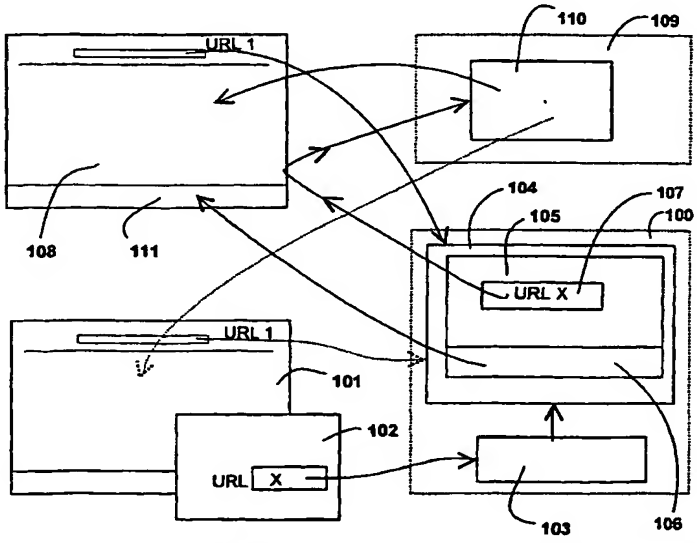

(57) Abstract: The content of the invention is a method, by which it is possible to remotely, for example within phone-contact range, change the www-document (104) displayed on the www-browsers (108) of one or more clients, with a controller window (102) on the controller's own www-browser (101). According to the invention, the controller instructs the clients to choose a particular www-document (104) residing in a server (100) used by the controller; said document being maintained by a server-side program (103) which can be commanded by the controller to embed URLs in the said www-document. As a result of the actions of the program, the clients' www-browsers display the document (110) specified by the URL given by the controller. This is achieved by having the clients' www-browsers update its state from the server, causing the displayed page to be refreshed, according to the controller's choice.

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Method for remote directing of www-browser

The content of the invention is a method by which the www-document displayed on one or more www-browsers can be changed by the controller through a window of his or her www-browser.

Simultaneous visual communication and phone contact is possible with current Internet technology. However, this requires that all parties have the necessary audio hardware as well as special software extensions to known www-browsers, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator. With current technology it is possible to augment phone communication with presenting www-documents, usually to provide visual information. The transmission of visual information is based on active use of the www-browser, in that the controller gives www-addresses to the listener, who then proceeds to direct his www-browser to the given www-address. The www-addresses are usually fairly long, and thus the imprecision of instructions given on phone is a disadvantage, especially due to the presence of special control characters and case sensitivity in the www-addresses (URLs). Especially in a situation in which it is desired that a phone negotiation be augmented with presentation of www-pages, the maintainer of the negotiation has to specifically instruct each party in using their respective www-browsers, making it hard for them to appreciate the contents of the presented www-documents. This makes the arrangement impractical: the disadvantage manifests itself especially when the intended audience is large, with a video projector or similar piece of equipment used to display the www-pages. Also in e-commerce there are situations in which a direct contact to the customer is required, making the phone a natural choice for communication. In such situations, say, product presentations can only be done by means of www-documents with the relevant information - this however requires constant instruction from the maintainer for the client in directing his www-browser to the desired documents.

The aforementioned situations have created a need for creating a method by which the www-browser of a listener can be controlled by the presenter without the need for the active participation of the client.

Known methods for similar purposes require all parties to obtain special software and equipment and install them onto their computers prior to the presentation.

The intent of the invention is to avoid the disadvantage caused by the special purpose additional software and equipment, namely their cost, the additional time required to

instruct clients in installing and maintaining the special purpose components and the possibility of errors in writing and communicating URLs. The invention possesses the specific advantage of all parties being able to use the method with ordinary Internet-connections and ordinary phone line utilizing pre-existing Internet and telecommunications technology.

Characteristic to the method based on the invention is that in order to avoid the aforementioned disadvantages and bring forth the aforementioned advantages, the user of the method, controller, defines by means of her or his www-browser the specific www-document which is displayed in a window of the clients' www-browsers.

Method based on the invention is illustrated and explicated by means of the following diagrams, in which

Fig. 1 presents the functional portions and interrelations thereof of the remote controlling of www-browser.

Fig. 2 presents the control window, into which previously saved URLs can be brought.

The user of the method, controller, asks his clients or conversant, henceforth listener, to direct his or her www-browser to a www-document specified by an URL pointing to a document in a server (100). The controller monitors this www-document in his own www-browser (101). The controller gives in the controller window in his or her www-browser (102) an address URL X, which is received in the server (100), and directed to a CGI-program (103) for processing. In various well known ways, it is possible to create partially or entirely dynamic www-documents. In the example the CGI-program (103) creates a www-document (104) containing the URL 1, and for it a file (105), and optionally an information frame (106). In the file (105) there is a frame (107) which forms a window for the www-document to be presented , found at URL X. Both the client's www-browser (108) and the controllers www-browser (101) upon receiving the www-document from URL 1, retrieve in the frame (107) a www-document at server (109) pointed to by the URL X the file (105). The document (104) ensures that when the URL X is changed, www-browsers (101) and (108) refresh the document respectively. This can be achieved by means of the command "RELOAD" or "REFRESH" supported by www-browsers. The document (104) can also implement a mechanism, which continously monitors a parameter at the server (100), and a program (103) which when URL X is changed sets the parameter, which is noticed by the mechanism, which then proceeds to refresh the document (104). A possible implementation uses the JavaScript-language element "FileUpload" or an equivalent thereof, with the parameter

residing within a file in server (100). In the implementation, special care is needed to ensure that the www-browsers retrieve the actual changed documents instead of relying on their local on-disk cache. This can be done in several ways, which include using the "META"-field of html-documents to request the www-browser to update the changing parameter.

Fig. 2. illustrates one possibility of extending the control window (102), allowing previously saved URLs be brought into it. For example, the window could function in such a fashion that the URL chosen is transferred to the input field (201) of the window (102), from which it is transferred to the server (100) (Fig 1.) by pressing the acknowledgement button (202). In similar fashion it is possible to create a control window which uses a previously created list of listeners allowed to access the www-document (104).

The www-documents and server-side programs required to implement the method as described above are well-known technology, and thus a competent person can create a working implementation based on the description above in an alternative ways in different programming languages, both interpreted and compiled, including combinations of both. These languages include, but are not restricted to, ActiveX, C, C++, Java, JavaScrpt, JScript, Perl, VBScript. Instructions on implementing the details of the method are plentiful and can be found among other places at the www-sites of the developers of the respective languages, and the NCSA-server of the developers of the CGI-interface.

Naturally, a competent professional in the industry can implement the method based on the invention in ways not subsumed under the above description within the restrictions set by the following claims.

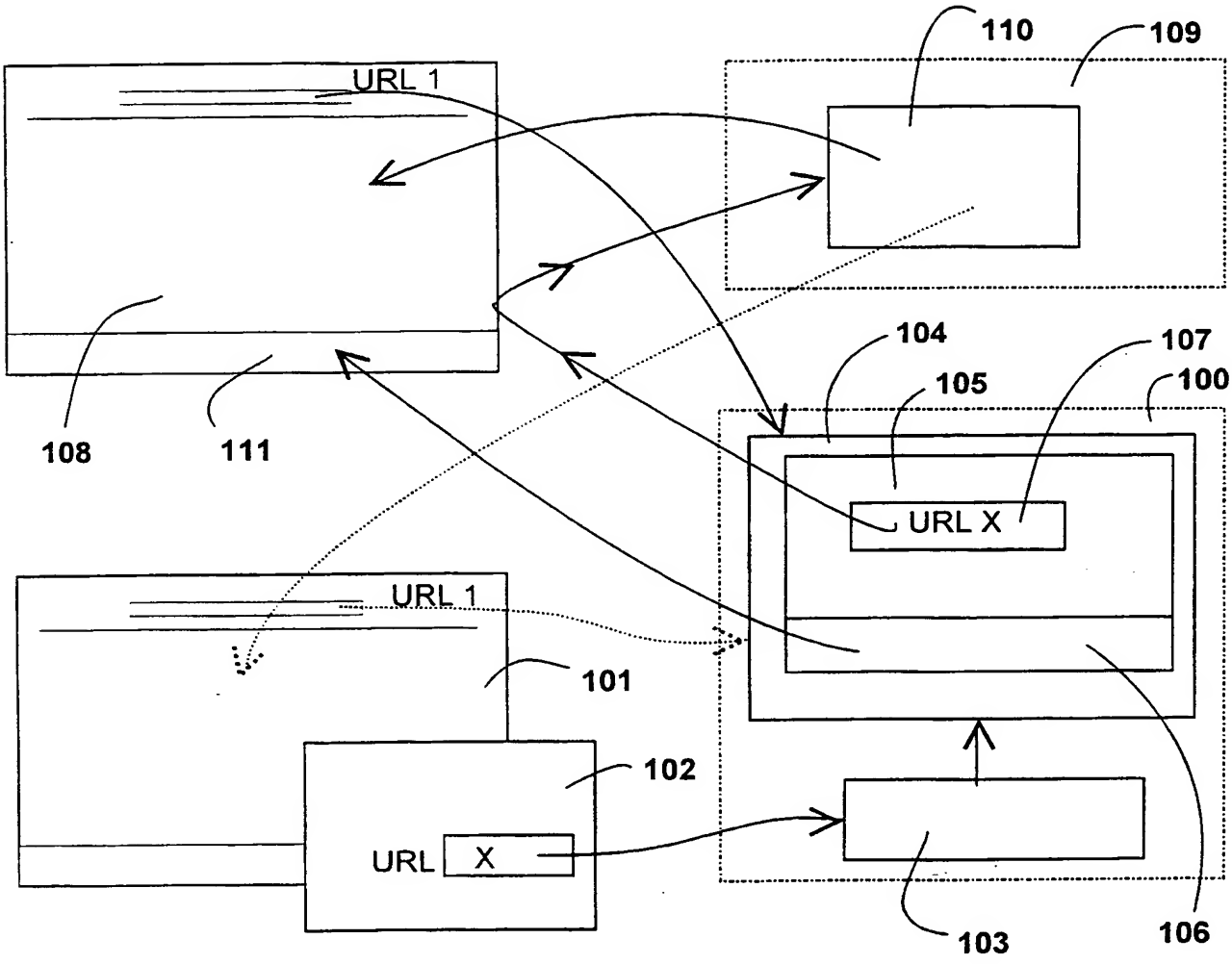
Claims

1. A method for remote directing a www-browser. in which the controller. using his own www-browser (102), specifies via Internet an HTML-document for the browser of one or more listeners. being accessible to them trough their browsers (108), and to said controller trough his or her browser (101). to a program. which is a part of the method and is located in a server (100) accessible to said controller: said program controlling code containing files embedded onto the page (104); said controller instructing the listeners to choose said HTML-document. further specifying by means of his browser the address of the www-page (110) intended to be displayed in the window (107) of the page (104); and said address being further delivered to the server and to said program. which embeds said address of the page (110) onto the listener's page (104) wherein:
the listeners' page (104), upon being displayed by listeners' browsers (108), makes said browsers continuously check for possible changes in said documents in said controller's server. and finding the changes. refreshes the copy of the page (104) of said listener's browser to match said files at the server.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the refreshing of the client's page (104) is conditioned by monitoring change in a parameter residing in the said server. changed by the program (103) upon a different www-address having been chosen. after which the copy of the page of the client's www-browser is refreshed.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1. wherein the controller can pick the address of the www-document displayed on the clients' www-browsers from a previously created list of www-addresses

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, 2, and 3 wherein the controller can choose the client allowed to access to the page (104) from a previously created list displayed on his or her www-browser.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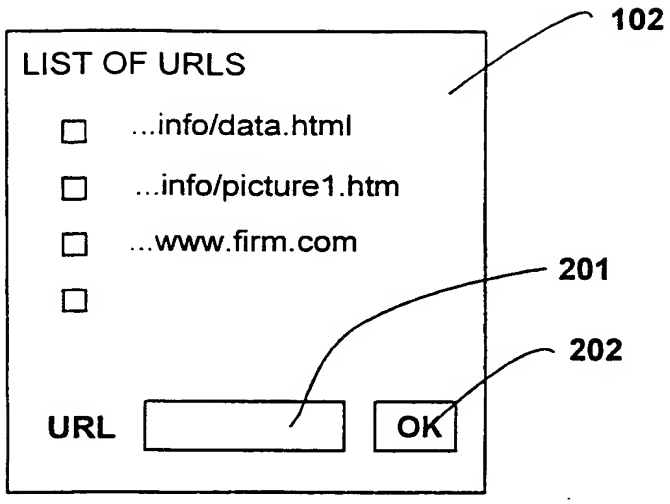
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